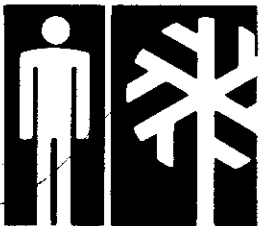


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YELLOWSTONE



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WILDERNESS RECOMMENDATION



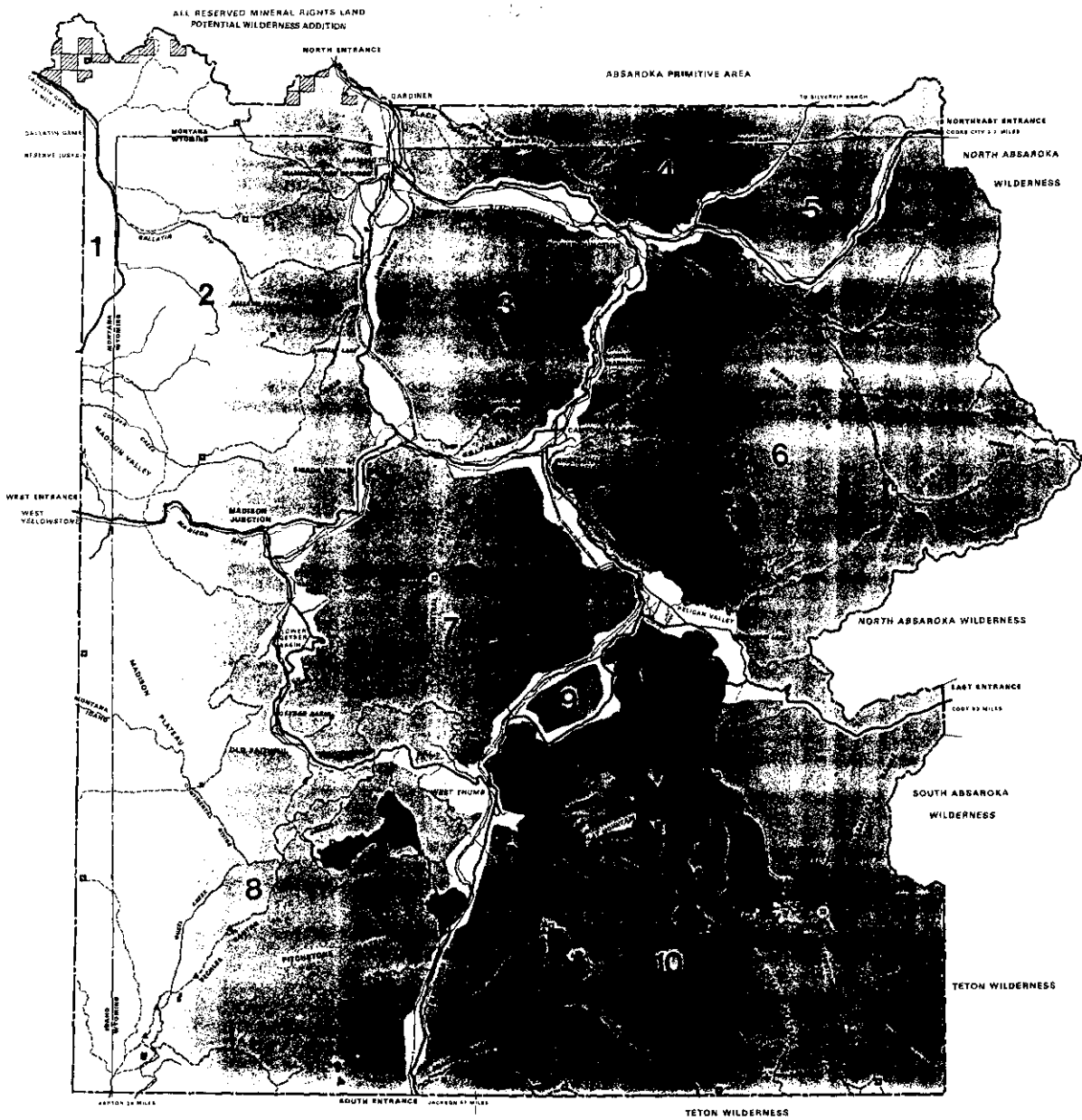
**Yellowstone
National Park
Idaho - Montana - Wyoming
August 1972**

RECOMMENDATION

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IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT WILDERNESS OF 2,016,181 ACRES WITHIN YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, AS SHOWN ON EXHIBIT A, BE DESIGNATED BY AN ACT OF CONGRESS.

THIS RECOMMENDATION IS BASED UPON CAREFUL STUDY OF THE PARK, THE VIEWS PRESENTED AT THE PUBLIC HEARINGS, AND THE WRITTEN RESPONSES CONCERNING THE PRELIMINARY WILDERNESS PROPOSAL DESCRIBED IN THE APPENDED HEARING OFFICER'S REPORT.

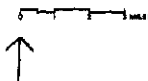


ACREAGES	
GROSS PARK ACREAGE	2,221,772.81
FEDERAL LAND	2,219,738.88
NON-FEDERAL LAND	2,035.76

UNIT	WILDERNESS
1	11,840
2	310,898
3	122,019
4	87,237
5	80,140
6	418,753
7	182,100
8	418,882
9	7,600
10	408,374
TOTAL	2,046,181 ACRES
POTENTIAL WILDERNESS ADDITION	8,040 ACRES

LEGEND	
PARK BOUNDARY	—
ROAD	—
TRAIL	—
TELEPHONE	—
POWER	—
WATER	—
PATROL CABIN	□
CAMPGROUND	△
LOOKOUT	■
SNOW COURSE OR GAUGE	+
MICROWAVE REFLECTOR	●
FISH TRAP	×
RESERVED MINERAL RIGHTS	▨
WILDERNESS AREA	■

EXHIBIT A **WILDERNESS PLAN** **YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK** IDAHO-WYOMING-MONTANA



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JULY 1964



United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

SEP 14 1972

Dear Mr. President:

It is with pleasure that I recommend the establishment of areas totaling approximately 2,016,181 acres in Yellowstone National Park, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, as part of the National Wilderness Preservation System. Additionally, I recommend that the Act designating wilderness provide authority for the Secretary of the Interior to designate as wilderness an area of about 6,040 acres, not presently qualified, at such time as he determines that it is qualified.

Section 3(c) of the Wilderness Act (approved September 3, 1964; 78 Stat. 890, 892; 16 U.S.C. 1132(c)), directs the Secretary of the Interior to review roadless areas of 5,000 acres or more in the national parks, monuments, and other units of the National Park System and report to the President his recommendation as to the suitability of each such area for preservation as wilderness. The Act further directs the President to advise the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of his recommendation with respect to the designation of each such area as wilderness. A recommendation of the President for designation as wilderness shall become effective only if so provided by an Act of Congress.

This Department has recently completed its review of such roadless areas in Yellowstone National Park. Based on this review, wilderness designation of certain lands totaling approximately 2,016,181 acres in the national park is recommended. This acreage comprises about 91 percent of the total park area.

Yellowstone National Park is located in the northwest corner of Wyoming and includes adjacent areas of Idaho and Montana. It is known throughout the world as the first national park and as the world's greatest geyser area. The park covers about 3,400 square miles, and is characterized by several broad, forested, volcanic plateaus. Numerous ponds and lakes, including the 139 square mile Yellowstone Lake, lie in pockets of the mountain plateaus, and are drained by several rivers. Geysers, hot springs, and fumaroles, pots, terraces, and warm ground, all related to volcanic activity, are the natural wonders most frequently mentioned by early explorers and visitors. The park is notable as well for its spectacular falls, canyons, and teeming wildlife. The recommended wilderness includes all of the remote primitive lands in the park. Most of

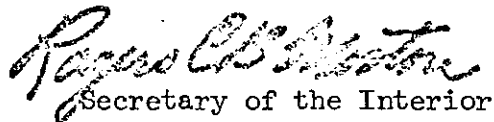
the lands are vast, rolling forested hills broken occasionally by peaks, meadows, and lakes. Designation as wilderness will assure that these outstanding natural resources are retained in their natural condition for the study and enjoyment of this and future generations.

In accordance with the requirements of the Wilderness Act, public hearings were held on the recommendations at Jackson, Wyoming, Idaho Falls, Idaho, and Livingston, Montana, on March 11, 13, and 15, 1972, respectively. Analyses of the hearing records and written expressions received, together with the letters received from other Federal agencies, are contained in the enclosed report of the National Park Service. Complete records have been compiled and are available for inspection by the public.

On the basis of our review, I believe that these portions of the roadless areas identified in Yellowstone National Park are suitable for designation as wilderness. Enclosed is a draft bill which, if enacted, would incorporate the areas suitable for designation as wilderness into the National Wilderness Preservation System.

A draft environmental impact statement, as required by section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, is enclosed.

Respectfully yours,


Secretary of the Interior

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Enclosures

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK
WYOMING, MONTANA, AND IDAHO

A WILDERNESS RECOMMENDATION CONSISTING OF 2,022,221 ACRES FOR YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK WAS SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS ON JANUARY 12, 1976. THAT PROPOSAL HAS BEEN REVIEWED AND WE NOW RECOMMEND 2,032,721 ACRES FOR WILDERNESS DESIGNATION AS SHOWN ON A MAP ENTITLED "WILDERNESS PLAN, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, WYOMING, MONTANA, AND IDAHO," NUMBERED 101-20,005-A AND DATED JANUARY 1978. THIS REVISION INCLUDES TWO NEW LARGE AREAS FOR ADDITION TO IMMEDIATE WILDERNESS LOCATED IN PELICAN VALLEY AND NEAR WEST THUMB. THE LANDS IN QUESTION COMPRISE SOME 10,500 ACRES OF WILDERNESS, THUS, BRINGING THE TOTAL WILDERNESS ACREAGE FOR YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK TO 2,032,721 ACRES.



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MAY 11 1978

Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.
Speaker of the
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Enclosed is a draft bill "To designate certain lands within units of the National Park System as wilderness."

We recommend that the draft bill be referred to the appropriate Committee for consideration, and that it be enacted.

The purpose of the bill is to designate, in accordance with section 3(c) of the Wilderness Act (78 Stat. 890; 16 U.S.C. 1132(c)), 25 areas as wilderness or potential wilderness. This proposed omnibus legislation represents completion of this Administration's review of wilderness proposals for areas within the National Park System made by previous Administrations, and consolidates into one legislative package many separate pieces of wilderness legislation currently pending before the Congress.

There are currently 30 National Park System wilderness proposals submitted by this Administration or previous Administrations which are not yet enacted. The bill proposes the following:

1. Four of the proposals should be enacted as previously submitted: ✓ Buffalo National River, ✓ Cedar Breaks, ✓ Everglades, and Glacier;
2. Action should be postponed on five of the proposals pending further study: ✓ Yosemite, Canyonlands, Capital Reef, ✓ Death Valley, and Assateague;
3. Action should be postponed on Great Smokies until the Park Service and the State of North Carolina resolve a dispute regarding the location of a road;

4. As the Katmai National Monument is being considered as part of the D-2 deliberations, we have not proposed designating it in this legislation;

5. The remainder of the previously submitted proposals should be revised in various ways which are described in the attached descriptions.

In addition, we have proposed wilderness and potential wilderness designation for portions of Gulf Islands National Seashore.

We have attached to this proposal a description of each area and other information, such as the facilities currently existing in those areas and management practices.

The Office of Management and Budget has advised that this legislative proposal is in accord with the program of the President.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bob Herbst", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

Bob Herbst

Assistant SECRETARY

(22) Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, California, wilderness comprising 802,880 acres, and potential wilderness additions comprising 6,570 acres, depicted on a map entitled "Wilderness Plan, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, California", numbered 102-20,003-C and dated January 1978, to be known as the Sequoia and Kings Canyon Wilderness.

(23) Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park, North Dakota, wilderness comprising 29,920 acres, depicted on a map entitled "Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park, North Dakota", numbered 387-20,007-E (sheets 1 and 2) and dated January 1978, to be known as the Theodore Roosevelt Wilderness.

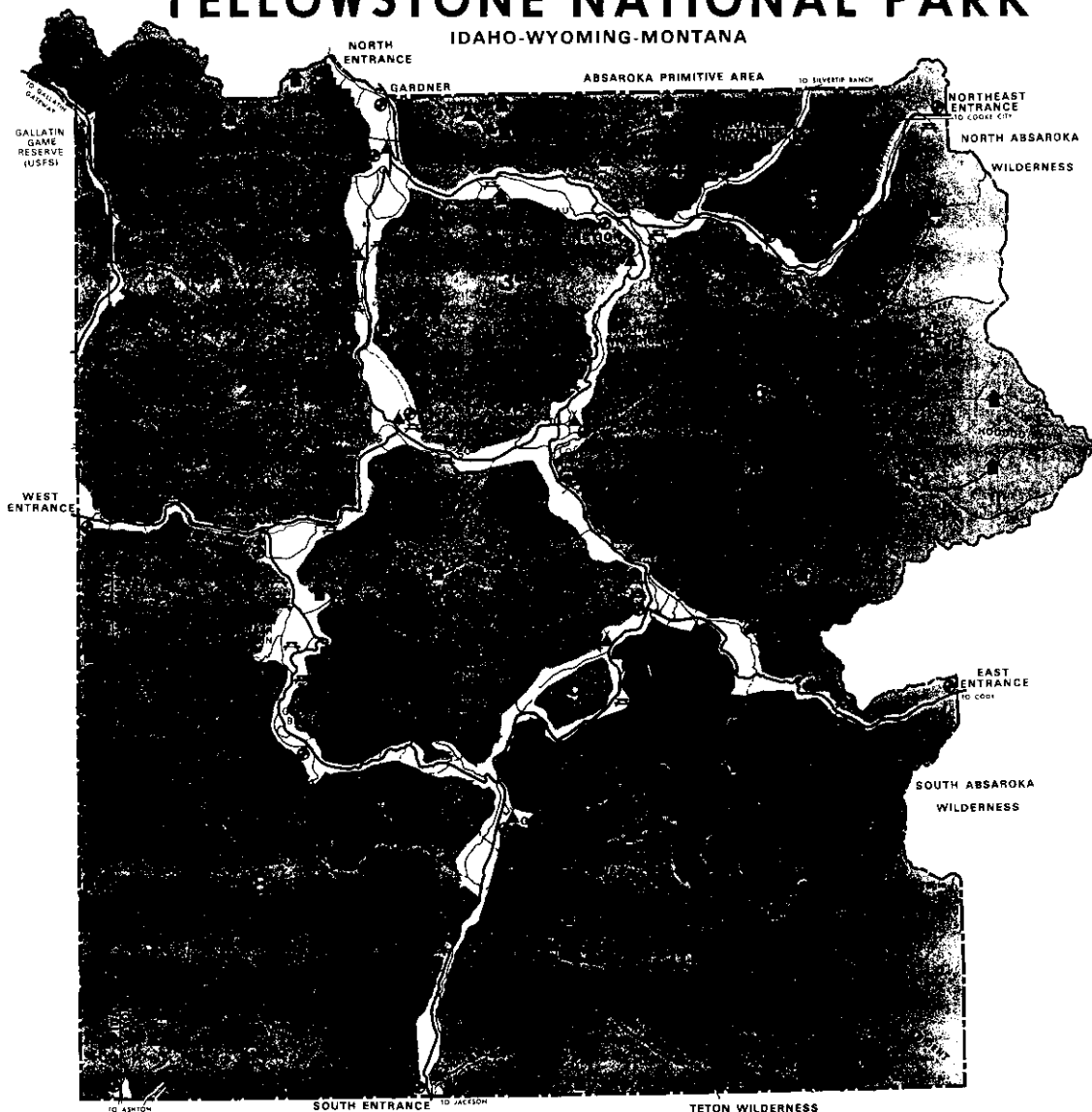
(24) Yellowstone National Park, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming, wilderness comprising 2,032,721 acres, depicted on a map entitled "Wilderness Plan, Yellowstone National Park, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming", numbered 101-20,005-A and dated January 1978, to be known as the Yellowstone Wilderness.

(25) Zion National Park, Utah, wilderness comprising 120,620 acres, and potential wilderness additions comprising 10,364 acres, depicted on a map entitled "Wilderness Plan, Zion National Park, Utah", numbered 116-20,002-A and dated January 1978, to be known as the Zion Wilderness.

Sec. 2. A map and description of the boundaries of the areas designated in this Act shall be on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Director of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, and in the office of the Superintendent of each area designated in this Act. As soon as practicable after this Act takes

WILDERNESS PLAN YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

IDAHO-WYOMING-MONTANA



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